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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO GENERAL TORRIJOS

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING LETTER FROM PRESIDENT CARTER
TO GENERAL TORRIJOS IN REPLY TO HIS LETTER OF JUNE 30
SENT TO THE WHITE HOUSE BY THE CHARGE CONCERNING PANAMA'S
ACCESS TO IDB'S FSO (ORIGINAL BEING POUCHED);

2. BEGIN QUOTE DEAR GENERAL TORRIJOS:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR MESSAGE ABOUT ELIGIBILITY FOR CONCES-
SIONAL LENDING FROM THE FUND FOR SPECIAL OPERATIONS OF
THE INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK. AS YOU KNOW, I AM
CONCERNED WITH THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
PROBLEMS OF PANAMA AND OTHER COUNTR-ES IN THE HEMISPHERE
IN SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES.

MY ADMINISTRATION BELIEVES A FORMULA CAN BE NEGOTIATED
THAT WILL TAKE ACCOUNT OF SEVERAL IMPORTANT SOCIAL AND
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ECONOMIC INDICATORS IN DETERMINING ACCESS TO THE FSO.
THE BANK HAS DONE A GOOD DEAL OF WORK THAT WILL HELP US
TO ARRIVE AT A FORMULA TO THIS END. WHATEVER THE OUTCOME,

WE WOULD EXPECT THAT A LARGE MAJORITY OF FSO FUNDS WOULD
BE RESERVED FOR THE POOREST COUNTRIES AND THAT ANY
CONCESSIONAL FUNDS FOR COUNTRIES OTHER THAN THE POOREST

WOULD BE DIRECTED TO PROJECTS THAT CLEARLY ASSIST LOW
INCOME GROUPS. I HOPE THAT OUR REPRESENTATIVES IN THE
REPLENISHMENT DISCUSSIONS WILL WORK CLOSELY TOGETHER TO
SEEK AN EARLY AND FRUITFUL AGREEMENT.

I HAVE READ WITH INTEREST YOUR RECENT STATEMENTS ABOUT
THE ELECTORAL PROCESS IN PANAMA AND CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM.
YOUR COUNTRY'S CONTINUED PROGRESS TOWARD DEMOCRACY IS
WELCOMED BY PANAMA'S FRIENDS.

THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR HOSPITALITY DURING MY VISIT TO
PANAMA.

SINCERELY,

JIMMY CARTER

HIS EXCELLENCY
GENERAL OMAR TORRIJOS HERRERA
CHIEF OF GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA
PANAMA CITY

END QUOTE. CHRISTOPHER

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